

THE NEWARK EAGLES BASEBALL CLUB
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The Newark Eagles Baseball Club is the youngest hustling ball club in the circuit and one of the hardest hitting teams in any League. The Eagles, managed by one of the all-time Negro great catchers, "Bizz" Mackey, has been playing the Garden State under its present name for past six years and grown considerably in popularity among sports followers all over the East so that now it is one of the most desirable attractions in Negro baseball.

Every player on the Eagles squad is of draft age with the exception of the manager who is 42, stands 6-1 and weighs 220. Mackey is a resident of Los Angeles, Calif. and returns there every winter. He has been in professional baseball for 21 years, playing the Indianapolis Club, Hilldale Giants, Philadelphia Stars and three years ago before coming to Newark he was manager of the Baltimore Elite Giants. Born in Texas, Mackey is a confirmed bachelor. He abstains from the use of alcoholics and does not smoke.

Most versatile and outstanding player on the team is LEON DAY, 24, a chunky 5 foot⁸ player who weighs 180 pounds. A native of Alexandria, Va., though now settled in Belleville, N. J. (a suburb of Newark). Day has proven himself as the most desirable ball player on any club.

Day bats from his right side and throws righthanded-but what he can do with both those motions from various positions on the diamond is to be marvelled at. Day, rated as one of the leading pitchers in the League, started the season by pitching the opening game for Newark. In that opener Russ Awkard, who played centerfield, and who the next day was called to Washington by his Selective Service Board and inducted into the Army.

Mackey called for Day to play centerfield. There was no question raised or any discussion, Day took his glove with him to the pastures and did well, making several difficult catches. But, what was even more important, his hitting was superb and he was soon found in the third and fourth positions in the batting order, as it was shifted in the early weeks of the season. Day, returned to his pitching post almost a month ago, when a satisfactory fielder was found to fill the outfield post, but Mackey continued him as a pinch hitter. Then, an accident, when an infielder was hurt, Day was sent to second base--- and there he looks so good, it is felt that he will see little mound duty in the future. His hitting power is a great help in the batting order and his defensive play as part of a double play combination with Monte Irvin is unchallenged. Day, who has been playing pro ball for the past six years, is a modest, retiring player, who temperment was apparently developed while on the mound. He is a leader among the players and one of the best liked on the squad.

CLARENCE ISRAEL, 3 b, one of the best hot corner guards in the league. Hits very well and has been the backbone of the Eagles infield defense. Israel, playing his second year in pro ball got his start with the Eagles last season. He was found by Eagles scout in Cumberland, Md. and brought to training camp where he almost immediately earned a starting assignment. He is 23 and appears to have a post with Newark for a long time. Early in the season, he was rejected by his Draft Board for having bow-legs and flat feet.

FRANCIS MATTHEWS, 1b, who has been the Eagles lead-off man since the beginning of the season when he took over the initial sack assignment as a regular succeeding the great "Mule" Suttles, hailed for years as the Babe Ruth of Negro baseball. It was a difficult assignment, but the former Boston College tosser, has proven his worth and for only a few days has he been absent because of a minor injury. Matty was a football and track star at college and his speed is evident when he runs the bags. He hits well and is one of the most promising young players in the League...from Cambridge, Mass. 24 years old. weighs 181, stands 5-8½. second year of pro ball.

MONTE IRVIN, ss, is the leading hitter in the League batting around .420 and is also among the home run leaders in the circuit. Monte is definitely the most feared of all the batters in the League and has been getting many free passes in tight pinches recently. He is a native of Orange, N. J., where he took most of the honors in his local High School leading in baseball, track, football, basketball, and in his studies. He was on many all-state teams and holds the State javelin record. At Lincoln University he was also a sports leader in the four major activities. He is playing his third year of pro ball and last season played with the San Juan team in Puerto Rico. He is 22 years old, weighs 195 and is 6-1. He was born in Columbia, Ala.

LENNY PEARSON, lf, is another New Jersey native who has is a hard hitter with the distinction of having led the Puerto Rican league this winter in batting. He bats and throws righthanded. Pearson began his pro ball career four years ago with the Eagles and has been with the team ever since. He is 22, weights 190, height 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

JOHNNIE DAVIS, cf, 24 of Schenectady, N. Y., a promising new outfielder, joined the Eagles squad a month ago and is already among the longest and most dangerous hitters in the circuit. He has been batting fifth and is a proven expert with the ash.

JIMMY BROWN, rf, 21 of Laurel Hill, N. C. a hard hitter, in second year of pro ball.....also a good pitcher, weighs 180 lbs. 6ft. 2in.

CHARLIE PARKS, c, Parks is 23 and one of best foul fly
retrievers in the League, also has unusual arm to 2 b.

JIM HILL, 21, p, left hander, got his start pitching batting practice to Detroit Tigers, who took spring training in his hometown, Lakeland, Fla. Hill was the Eagles representative with Irvin and Pearson at the Annual East-West game in Chicago this year. He is rated as one of most promising players in the League. Hill has a variety of pitches and is good hitter in pinches.

MAX MANNING, p, 6 feet 5 inches bespectacled hurler, from Atlantic City, N. J. is a former member of Lincoln University team where he played with Irvin. Is rapidly developing in his third year of pro ball as a top notch pitcher. He has an annual fast ball and has earned the nickname of the "Eagles" Jim Weaver". He is 22, bats lefthanded and throws bullets with his right.

LEN HOOKER, p, 23, 6 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in tall, weights 151 and has an unusual high kick wind-up which always draws numbers from spectators. He comes from Raleigh, N. C. and is a crack basketball player.

FRED HOBGOOD, p. of Kingston, N. C. is 18, weighs 160, height 5-9, is playing his first year of pro ball and while getting his share of starting assignments has done a great deal of the relief pitching. He bats and throws with his lefthand.